

Appln. No. 10/665,681  
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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

As best illustrated in Figures 1 through 3, the ~~emergency ladder~~ system 10 of the invention generally comprises a building 2 having multiple floors 4. A compartment 12 is positioned adjacent to the building 2. An extendable ladder 14 is positioned inside the compartment 12. A door 16 covers the compartment 14. An alarm assembly 18 is provided and includes a sensor 20 inside the building 2 for detecting a fire. The alarm assembly 18 is operationally coupled to the door 16 and the ladder 14 to open the door 16 and extend the ladder 14 when fire is detected by the sensor 20.